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FM AMEMBASSY MBABANE

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 2267

INFO AMEMBASSY GABORONE

AMEMBASSY MAPUTO

AMEMBASSY PRETORIA

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: SHUM, PINS, WZ

SUBJECT: HUMAN RIGHTS IN SWAZILAND

1. LAST FEW WEEKS HAVE SEEN 60-DAY DETENTION UNDER 1973 SECURITY ACT IMPOSED ON AT LEAST FOUR PERSONS WHICH IS GREATER NUMBER, TO BEST OF EMBASSY'S KNOWLEDGE, THAN IN ANY SIMILAR PERIOD IN RECENT MONTHS.

2. DETAINEES INCLUDE PERSONS AS DIVERSE AS PETER FORBES, WELL-KNOWN WHITE SWAZI BUSINESSMAN; JOHN WALKER, MANAGER OF LARGE FARMING ESTATE IN LOWEVELD; PRINCE DUMISA DLAMINI, ACTIVIST IN OPPOSITION PARTY NNLC PRIOR TO ITS FORCED DISSOLUTION; AND AFRICA MHLANGA, GENERAL SECRETARY OF BANNED NNLC.

3. COMMENT: REASONS FOR RECENT UPSURGE IN DETENTIONS HAVE NOT BEEN MADE PUBLIC AND, OF COURSE, NEED NOT BE ANNOUNCED UNDER SECURITY ACT. NEVERTHELESS, RATHER SURPRISING THAT EMBASSY OFFICERS HAVE BEEN UNABLE IN MBABANE RUMOR MILL TO PICK UP ANY KIND OF EXPLANATION FOR DETENTION OF WHITE RESIDENTS FORBES AND WALKER. ARRESTS OF DUMISA DLAMINI AND

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AFRICA MHLANGA MAY INDICATE THAT BANNED NNLC HAS NOT BEEN AS QUIESCENT AS GOVERNMENT WOULD LIKE. AS REPORTED MBABANE 281, GOS IS WORRIED ABOUT COVERT MOZAMBICAN SUPPORT AND TRAINING FOR NNLC MEMBERS. THESE TWO DETENTIONS CONFIRM THAT GOS HAS LOW TOLERANCE LEVEL FOR DISSIDENTS.  
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